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Just One Example...

A Load Assemble and Pack Plant

23 Different Components

Currently Provided By A Sole Source



One Scenario

- Cold War Stockpile Drawdown Completed
- New Production Of Long Fielded Items

(M107 Artillery; M67 Hand Grenade)

- Once Reliable Component Suppliers No Longer Exist
- Long and Expensive Qualification Process
- No Competitive Leverage To Hold Down Prices



Some Specific Examples

- Brass Cases
- Black Powder
- Grenade Bodies
- Lead Azide
- **Links**
- Cotton Linters



Some Specific Examples (cont)

- Batteries
- Sensors
- Tactical Munitions Dispenser Bodies & Fuzes
- Parachutes



<u>Implications</u>

- Sole Source Price Creep
- Competition vs. Source Protection
- Production Disruptions
- Modernization Constraints

Higher Cost

Lower Quality

Delayed Delivery



One Path Forward

- Recognize As Joint Government Industry Problem
- Attack GFM vs. Contractor Procurement Issue
- Identify Critical Suppliers That Could Cause System Failure
- Systematically Review TDPs For Possible Substitution
- **▶** If Required, Plan For New Suppliers
- Develop and Qualify New Suppliers
- Monitor New Supplier Performance

